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1. [REDACTED] Called Jim Kronfeld, Staff Counsel, House Government Operations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, and advised him of my meeting with Steve Daniels, Representative John N. Erlenborn's (R., Ill.) staff man on the Committee, during which we agreed as to those sections in S. 3418 (right of privacy) which we could live with and would have no problem in their inclusion in the compromise privacy bill. Kronfeld was aware of my meeting. He added that there are still other problems which they hope to resolve for a floor vote next Wednesday. He will keep me advised.

As to the implementation of the Freedom of Information Act Amendments, Kronfeld said that his staff is meeting on Monday to review with the Justice Department the guidelines which Justice coordinated for comments within the Executive. The content of the first annual report due on 1 March 1975 will be one of the matters discussed.

2. [REDACTED] Attended a meeting in Max Friedersdorf's office at the White House which was concerned primarily with going over the Whip count and assigning various members who are known to be against the Foreign Assistance bill or doubtful to various departments and agencies. I mentioned that we had talked with Chairman Nedzi about our concern with Section 25 of the bill having to do with Presidential determinations and reports on certain intelligence activities. I said we felt Nedzi might be in a position to attack this provision on jurisdictional grounds which Senator Stennis had not been in a position to do. I said if Nedzi took a stand on this against this Section on the floor, we would hope for support and assistance from the White House and the other departments. I spoke to Jim Michael, State, before the meeting and he said he would want from us as soon as possible after the floor vote on the House bill our position on the House and Senate versions since the members will probably go to conference the day after the House vote. We are doing a final scrub of the bill as it passed the Senate to see if there are any new problem areas on which we should take a position.

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4. [redacted] Called Greg Rushford, in the office of Representative Clarence Long, and told him we would be unable to meet with Mr. Long for the Persian Gulf briefing on Wednesday, 18 December but could make it on Tuesday, the 17th. Rushford said that was a bad day for them and asked if I would check on Thursday, 19 December.

5. [redacted] Jim Oliver, OMB, called concerning the status of the Intelligence Sources and Methods legislation and was obviously bothered by a comment in various papers which had been circulated among USIB agencies which would be read as if OMB was a stumbling block in getting the legislation to the Congress. I assured Oliver that we recognized that the Department of Justice is the key to coordinating the proposal and that at least up to now OMB has played only a passive role.

6. [redacted] Received a call from Robert Hull, State Department, to discuss further the status of the amendment phasing out the tax exemption for Government allowances paid abroad (H. R. 17488). I told him that the Director was concerned about the damaging impact of such an amendment and that the Director may send an appropriate letter to State, Treasury, and OMB. Hull agrees that even if the matter is a dead issue this Congress, efforts by State and others are in order to assure that the merits are fully considered before there is any reporting out by the House Ways and Means Committee.

7. [redacted] Met with Judy Affeldt, on the staff of Senator Gaylord Nelson (D., Wisc.), in response to a letter from [redacted] a constituent who had read that CIA conducted experiments using deep sea animals. She said our suggested reply was responsive and thanked us for our help.

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